

Correspondence Bible Study

Lesson #2 - Genesis 12-50

PRAYER:

God, the Father of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I thank you for Your plan of salvation in which You used imperfect people. Help me to see in my life how You will use me to further the work of bringing the Gospel to my family, friends, and acquaintances. You are my Father also through the work of Abraham's descendant, Jesus Christ. Guide me as I study Your Word. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Course Notes:

The best way to complete this lesson would be to first read Genesis 12-50 and then go back and look up the stories found in the questions. The other option is to just look up each chapter referred to in the questions.

If you have trouble with a question, just say so, and I will do my best to get an answer for you.

If you don't have enough room to write your answers, write on the back or use other sheet.

Genesis Notes:

With Genesis 12 the Jewish nation finds its beginning as a chosen people. Abraham is considered the Father of the Jews.

As you read about the great men and women in this section of Genesis, you will see God used some liars, rascals and sometimes worse to work out His plans. I think it helps us to see He can use us also to work in His Kingdom.

The easiest way to date this period in the Old Testament is to remember 2000 B.C. They were as far B.C. as we are A.D.

Questions:

1. Genesis 12:1-3 - How would all people be "blessed" through Abraham?
(See Galatians 3:6-9)

2. Genesis 12-50 - List some of the less than honorable deeds done by God's chosen ones. Examples: Abraham lying and saying Sarah was his sister when they went to Egypt (12). He did it twice! Jacob tricking Isaac (27).

3. Abraham was right with God. How was that possible?
(Genesis 15:6 and Romans 4:1-5.)

4. Genesis 17- How are circumcision and baptism similar?

5. Genesis 18 - Why did Sarah laugh? Would you have laughed too?

6. Genesis 22 - How did the Lord test Abraham's faith? How would you have done with the same test? Look at Hebrews 11:17-19 to see what Abraham was thinking would happen if he did kill his son.

7. Jacob had how many sons? (Genesis 35:23-26)

What would their descendants become? (Genesis 49:28)

How would Jesus use that same number in the New Testament?

8. Genesis 39 - How did Joseph demonstrate his morality?

9. Genesis 37-50 - How could you summarize the lesson taught by the life of Joseph? (See especially Genesis 50:15-21)

10. Note that the prophecy about Judah in Genesis 49:8-10 is pointing to Jesus, Judah's descendent through the great King David.

11. Your questions...

For the next lesson begin to read Exodus.